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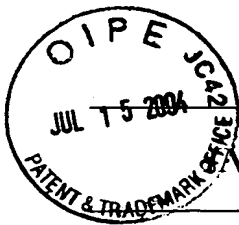
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Allen Cheah Chong Leng, *et al.*

Attorney Docket No.:

ALTRP113/A1350

Application No.: 10/785,535

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Filed: February 24, 2004

Group: 2811

Title: EXPANSION PLANE FOR PQFP/TQFP IR
– PACKAGE DESIGN

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**PETITION TO ACCORD FILING DATE AS OF DATE OF DEPOSIT
AS “EXPRESS MAIL”
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181 AND §1.10(C)**

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants in the above-identified application respectfully request the issuance of a correct filing date. Applicants petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.10(c) in that there is a discrepancy between the filing date believed to be accorded by the USPTO and the date of deposit shown on the “Express Mail” mailing label of the application when filed. The correct filing date of the above-identified application is **February 23, 2004**.

Attached please find enclosed:

(1) a copy of the transmittal sheet for the utility patent application referenced above (Attorney Docket No. ALTRP113/A1350) showing the “Express Mail” Label No. **EV 332826039 US** and the date of mailing, **February 23, 2004**;

(2) a true copy of the “Express Mail” mailing label showing the “Express Mail” Label No. **EV 332826039 US** and a “date-in” of **February 24, 2004** (*written in error*) and date stamp of **February 23, 2004**; and

(3) a copy of the return postcard from the USPTO with a mail room date stamp showing the disputed filing date of **February 24, 2004**.

Applicants believe that the USPTO has accorded a filing date other than the United States Postal Service (USPS) deposit date because the USPTO mail room date stamp is different from

the date stamp on the USPS "Express Mail" mailing label. The number of the "Express Mail" mailing label had been placed upon the transmittal sheet attached to the above-referenced patent application as shown on the enclosed copy of the transmittal sheet. This petition also includes a true copy of the "Express Mail" mailing label showing the official USPS date stamp showing the correct filing date of **February 23, 2004**. Thus, Applicants submit that the return postcard with the mail room date stamp from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office does not reflect the proper date of filing for this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.10(a).

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the application be accorded the correct date of filing of **February 23, 2004**.

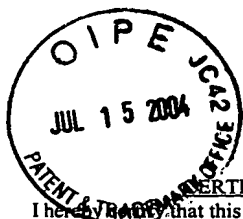
This correction is not due to any error by the Applicants. Applicants therefore respectfully request that any fees related to this request be waived. However, if any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Petition, including any Petition fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. ALTRP113).

Respectfully submitted,
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Jeffrey Ng

Attorney Docket No.: ALTRP113/A1350

First Named Inventor: Allen Cheah

Chong Leng

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventor:

ALLEN CHEAH CHONG LENG and TAN PING CHET

For: **EXPANSION PLANE FOR PQFP/TQFP IR – PACKAGE DESIGN**

Assigned to: Altera Corporation

Application Elements:

- ☒ 25 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract (including cover sheet)
- ☒ 08 Sheets of formal Drawings
- ☒ 02 Pages executed Declaration

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☒ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☒ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
- ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

- ☐ Priority of _____ Application No. _____ filed on _____
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ The certified copy is enclosed.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No. _____
- ☐ The certified copy will follow.

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

- ☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

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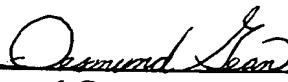
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General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

- ☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ALTRP113).
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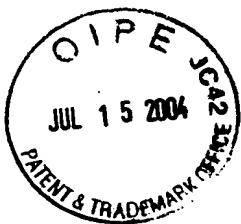
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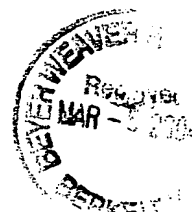
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9.	Four (4) cited references	22389 U.S. PTO
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